

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
 - 2 a) accepting a set of ads of a given source;
 - 3 b) selecting a subset of the set of ads;
 - 4 c) receiving approval or decline of ads of the subset from a first review process;
 - 5 d) determining a score for the source using information concerning the approval or decline of the ads of the subset from the first review process; and
 - 6 e) automatically approving, using a second review process, ads of the set that are not in the subset if the advertiser score indicates that the given source is a trusted advertiser.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the first review process is a manual review process.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the score is a trust score.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the score is a distrust score.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein determining a score for the source further comprises
 - 2 determining a percentage of declined ads in the subset.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein determining a score further uses reasons for which
 - 2 declined ads in the subset were declined.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the set of ads comprises Web ads.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 2 f) automatically screening the approved ads for preselected words or phrases.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the preselected words is a URL.
- 1 10. A method of ad approval comprising:

2 a) receiving a set of ads with a source indication;
3 b) determining whether the indicated source is a trusted source; and
4 c) if the indicated source is determined to be a trusted source, then approving the
5 set of ads without manual review at least one ad of the set of ads.

1 11. The method of claim 10 further comprising:

2 d) if the indicated source is determined to not be a trusted source, then
3 -selecting a subset of the set of ads;
4 - approving or declining ads of the subset;
5 - determining a score for the source using information concerning ads
6 manually approved or declined; and
7 - identifying the source as a trusted source if the score for the source
8 indicates that the given source is trusted.

1 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the score is a trust score.

1 13. The method of claim 11 wherein the score is a distrust score.

1 14. The method of claim 11 wherein the act of approving or declining ads of the subset
2 uses a manual review process.

1 15. A method of ad approval comprising:

2 a) selecting a subset of a first ad group provided by a trusted source;
3 b) accepting a determination of ads in the subset that are disapproved;
4 c) determining a score using information concerning disapproved ads in the
5 subset, approved ads in the subset, and reasons for any disapprovals; and
6 d) pulling from circulation at least one ad in a second ad group received from the
7 trusted source if the score indicates that the source is no longer a trusted
8 source.

1 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the determination of ads in the subset that are
2 disapproved is accepted from a manual review process.

1 17. Apparatus comprising:

2 a) an input for accepting a set of ads of a given source;
3 b) means for selecting a subset of the set of ads;
4 c) means for receiving approval or decline of ads of the subset from a first
5 review process;
6 d) means for determining a score for the source using information concerning
7 the approval or decline of the ads of the subset from the first review process; and
8 e) means for automatically approving, using a second review process, ads of the
9 set that are not in the subset if the advertiser score indicates that the given
10 source is a trusted advertiser.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the first review process is a manual review
2 process.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the score is a trust score.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the score is a distrust score.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the means for determining a score for the
2 source include means for determining a percentage of declined ads in the subset.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the means for determining a score uses reasons
2 for which declined ads in the subset were declined in its determination.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the set of ads comprises Web ads.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 17 further comprising:

2 f) means for automatically screening the approved ads for preselected words or
3 phrases.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 24 wherein at least one of the preselected words is a URL.

1 26. Apparatus of ad approval comprising:

2 a) an input for receiving a set of ads with a source indication;
3 b) means for determining whether the indicated source is a trusted source; and
4 c) means for approving the set of ads without manual review at least one ad of
5 the set of ads if the indicated source is determined to be a trusted source.

1 27. The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising:

2 d) means for
3 -selecting a subset of the set of ads;
4 - approving or declining ads of the subset;
5 - determining a score for the source using information concerning ads
6 manually approved or declined; and
7 - identifying the source as a trusted source if the score for the source
8 indicates that the given source is trusted,
9 if the indicated source is determined to not be a trusted source.

1 28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the score is a trust score.

1 29. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the score is a distrust score.

1 30. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the means for approving or declining ads of the
2 subset use a manual review process.

1 31. Apparatus of ad approval comprising:

2 a) means for selecting a subset of a first ad group provided by a trusted source;

- 3 b) means for accepting a determination of ads in the subset that are
- 4 disapproved;
- 5 c) means for determining a score using information concerning disapproved ads
- 6 in the subset, approved ads in the subset, and reasons for any disapprovals; and
- 7 d) means for pulling from circulation at least one ad in a second ad group
- 8 received from the trusted source if the score indicates that the source is no
- 9 longer a trusted source.

1 32. The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the determination of ads in the subset that are
2 disapproved is accepted from a manual review process.